

Admiral Robert J. Natter, USN Retired

Biography

Admiral Natter is President of R.J. Natter & Associates, LLC, a consulting and advocacy firm specializing in corporate and defense strategy. Natter is also Chairman of the Board of G4S Government Solutions (GS), a premier U.S. provider of security and infrastructure support solutions for customers with complex requirements in highly regulated industries. G4S GS employs about 6,000 personnel at nearly 200 sites globally. He also serves on the Board of Directors of BAE Systems, Inc. a U.S. subsidiary of BAE Systems plc and on the Board of Corporate Travel Management (CTM), a publicly traded Australian (ASX) company specializing in Corporate Travel throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and the United States.



Natter enlisted as a Seaman Recruit in the Naval Reserve at age 17. Following one year enlisted service and graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy he eventually advanced to the rank of Admiral. In 20003, Admiral Natter completed his Navy career as Commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, the first Commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and the Commander-in-Chief of the NATO Western Atlantic Command. At the time of his service the Atlantic Fleet consisted of over 160,000 Sailors and Marines, 162 ships and 1,200 aircraft, as well as 18 major shore stations.

Admiral Natter's commands at sea included Officer-in-Charge of a Naval Special Warfare detachment in Vietnam; Cruiser and Destroyer Commands; command of the U.S. Seventh Fleet in Asia; and finally Commander of US Fleet Forces Command. His shore assignments included staff member for the House Armed Services Committee (100th Congress); Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff during Operation Desert Storm; Chief of Legislative Affairs for the Navy; Director for Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control; and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy, and Operations.

Admiral Natter's military decorations include the Silver Star Medal, four awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, five awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V, and the Purple Heart among others.

In 2012 Natter assumed Chairmanship of the US Naval Academy Alumni Association Board of Trustees, representing about 55,000 living graduates. He is also on the Board of the National Navy SEAL Museum.